

Department of Energy

§ 455.81

§ 455.71 Eligibility.

(a) To be eligible to receive financial assistance for an energy conservation measure, including renewable resource measures, an applicant must:

(1) Be a school, hospital, or coordinating agency representing them as defined in § 455.2;

(2) Be located in a State which has an approved State Plan as described in subpart B of this part;

(3) Have completed a technical assistance program consistent with § 455.62, as determined by the State in accordance with the State Plan, for the building for which financial assistance is to be requested subsequent to the most recent construction, reconfiguration, or utilization change to the building which significantly modified energy use within the building;

(4) Have completed an updated technical assistance program if required in the State Plan as specified in § 455.20(q);

(5) Have implemented all energy conservation maintenance and operating procedures which are identified as the result of a technical assistance program or have provided pursuant to the State plan a satisfactory written justification for not implementing any specific maintenance and operating procedures so identified;

(6) Have met any requirements set forth in the State Plan pursuant to § 455.20(m) regarding the avoidance of supplanting other funds in the financing of energy conservation measures under this part;

(7) Have no plan or intention at the time of application to close or otherwise dispose of the building for which financial assistance is to be requested within the simple payback period or useful life (depending on the State's requirement for determining cost effectiveness) of any energy conservation measure recommended for that building; and

(8) Submit an application in accordance with the provisions of this part and the approved State Plan;

(b) To be eligible for financial assistance:

(1) In States where simple payback has been selected as the cost-effectiveness test pursuant to § 455.20(u)(2), the simple payback period of each energy

conservation measure for which financial assistance is requested shall not be less than 2 years nor greater than 10 years, and the estimated useful life of the measure shall be greater than its simple payback period; or

(2) In States where life-cycle costing has been selected as the cost-effectiveness test pursuant to § 455.20(u)(2), the savings-to-investment ratio of each energy conservation measure must be greater than or equal to one under § 455.63(b)(1), over a period for analysis which does not exceed 15 years, and the useful life of the energy conservation measure must be at least 2 years.

(c) Leased equipment is not eligible for financial assistance under this part. Equipment which becomes the property of the grantee at the conclusion of a long-term purchase agreement without any additional payment is eligible.

§ 455.72 Scope of the grant.

Financial assistance awarded under this subpart may be expended for the design (excluding design costs funded under the technical assistance program), acquisition, and installation of energy conservation measures to reduce energy consumption or measures to allow the use of renewable resources in schools and hospitals or to shift energy usage to periods of low demand and cost. Such measures include, but are not necessarily limited to, those included in the definition of "energy conservation measure" in § 455.2.

Subpart G—State Administrative Expenses

§ 455.80 Purpose.

This subpart describes what constitutes a State administrative expense that may receive financial assistance under this part and sets forth the eligibility criteria for States to receive grants for administrative expenses.

§ 455.81 Eligibility.

To be eligible to receive financial assistance for administrative expenses, a State must:

(a) Have in place a State Plan approved by DOE pursuant to § 455.21 and

(b) Be operating a program to provide technical assistance and energy conservation measure grants, or technical

assistance, program assistance, and marketing (where energy conservation measures are funded non-Federally) to eligible institutions pursuant to this part.

§ 455.82 Scope of the grant.

A State's administrative expenses shall be limited to those directly related to administration of technical assistance programs, program assistance and marketing programs, and energy conservation measures including costs associated with:

- (a) Personnel whose time is expended directly in support of such administration;
- (b) Supplies and services expended directly in support of such administration;
- (c) Equipment purchased or acquired solely for and utilized directly in support of such administration, subject to 10 CFR 600.436;
- (d) Printing, directly in support of such administration; and
- (e) Travel, directly related to such administration.

Subpart H—State Grants for Technical Assistance, Program Assistance, and Marketing

§ 455.90 Purpose.

This subpart describes what constitutes a State program for technical assistance, program assistance, and marketing that may receive financial assistance under this part and sets forth the eligibility criteria for States to receive grants for technical assistance, program assistance, and marketing.

§ 455.91 Eligibility.

To be eligible to receive financial assistance for technical assistance, program assistance, and marketing, a State must:

- (a) Have in place a State Plan approved by DOE which includes a description of the State's program or programs to provide technical assistance, program assistance, and marketing, pursuant to § 455.20(j)(1);
- (b) Have established a program consistent with this part to fund, from non-Federal sources, energy conserva-

tion measures for eligible institutions; and

- (c) Provide to DOE a certification pursuant to § 455.122.

§ 455.92 State technical assistance awards.

Technical assistance awards by States under this subpart are subject to all requirements of this part which apply to DOE-awarded technical assistance program grants except that States:

- (a) Are not required to award the funds in grant instruments;
- (b) May award the funds throughout the fiscal year subject to § 455.144(a)(3); and
- (c) Are not required to rank applications under § 455.131(b) of this part.

Subpart I—Cost Sharing

§ 455.100 Limits to Federal share.

Amounts made available under this part, together with any other amounts made available from other Federal sources, may not be used to pay more than 50 percent of the costs of technical assistance programs and energy conservation measures unless the grantee qualifies for the exceptions specified in §§ 455.141(a), 455.142(a), 455.142(b), or for severe hardship assistance specified in § 455.142(c). In cases of severe hardship, the Federal share of the cost cannot exceed 90 percent.

§ 455.101 Borrowing the non-Federal share/title to equipment.

The non-Federal share of the costs of acquiring and installing energy conservation measures may be provided by using financing or other forms of borrowed funds, such as those provided by loans and performance contracts, even if such financing does not provide for the grantee to receive clear title to the equipment being financed until after the grant is closed out. However, grantees in such cases must otherwise meet all the requirements of this part, and financing and loan agreements and performance contracts under this section are subject to the requirements of 10 CFR Part 600 and the certification requirements under § 455.111(e). Grantees must receive clear title to the equipment when the loan is paid off.